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" 6 " 3½ " "

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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, August 1, 1895 343

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
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AUTHEORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000.

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JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, August 2, 1895. 228

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

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TION. Rules may be obtained on ap-
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For the Hongkong and Shanghai
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
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HOLDERS.....\$300,000.

RESERVE FUND.....\$325,000.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account
at the rate of 2 % per annum on the Daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %

" " 6 " 3½ %

" " 3 " 2½ %

T. E. SANSOM,
pro. Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 848

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED.....\$500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors,

D. GILLIES, Esq., H. STOVERPORT, Esq.,

CHAN KEE, SIAN, CHU TUNG SHANG,
Esq.,

KWAN BOU CHUN, Esq.,

Chief Manager.

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Hongkong, October 23, 1894. 1711

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attention to Ladies' comfort. Accommo-
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Hongkong, July 24, 1895. 1267

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION
will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong,
on SATURDAY, the 10th day of August
next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Court of Directors,
together with a Statement of Accounts to
30th June, 1895.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 24, 1895. 1353

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
REGISTERS of SHARES of the
Corporation will be CLOSED on
SATURDAY, the 27th Instant to the 10th
day of August next (both days inclusive),
during which period no Transfer of Shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 24, 1895. 1354

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY General MEETING of the
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COM-
PANY, LIMITED, will be held at the
Company's OFFICES, No. 9, Praya Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY,
the 12th day of August, 1895, at 12 Noon, when
the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed,
viz:—

That the Capital of the Company be re-
duced from \$1,000,000, divided into
20,000 shares of \$50 each to \$200,000,
divided into 20,000 shares of \$10 each
and that such reduction be effected by
canceling capital which has been lost
or is unrepresented by available assets
to the extent of \$40 per share on each
of the 14,117 shares which have been
issued and are now outstanding,
and by reducing the nominal amount of
all the shares in the Company's cap-
ital from \$50 to \$10 per share.

Should the above Resolution be duly
passed it will be submitted for Confirmation
as a Special Resolution to a Second Extra-
ordinary General Meeting which will be
subsequently convened.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1895.

SHEWAN & CO.,
1364, General Managers.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND is at the Rate of SIX
PER CENT., or \$1.20 per Share,
declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meet-
ing. Shareholders are held This Day, will be
PAIDABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANG-
HAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after
TUESDAY, the 6th Instant.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply to
the OFFICE of the Company for WARRANTS.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1430

FANCY MATTINGS,
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BLINDS, &c. FOR SALE AT A
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Apply to KWONG WOO ON,
No. 55, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, August 3, 1895. 1428

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND is at the Rate of SIX
PER CENT., or \$1.20 per Share,
declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meet-
ing. Shareholders are held This Day, will be
PAIDABLE at the SECRETARY at the OFFICE
of the Company, situated, or to Messrs.
K. & S. CO., LTD., the Company's Agents at
Singapore, on or before TUESDAY, 3rd
September, 1895.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply to
the OFFICE of the Company for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Directors,

JAMES B. DUNCAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1895. 1419

NOTICE.

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to give Lessons in PIANO, ORGAN,
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MR. REGINALD ISBELL,
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Hongkong, July 22, 1895. 1398

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS."

" The results of the recent

investigations in Paris and the

report of the Académie de

Médecine of France have placed

Apollinaris Water at the head of

all the waters examined for purity

BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

This afternoon, His Excellency Sir William Robinson presided at the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils attending the Bellios Public School for Girls. There was a large attendance of parents and friends, including some leading residents.

The following report was read by Dr Eitel prior to the distribution of the prizes by His Excellency:—

BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL,
Hongkong, 30th July, 1895.

Sir.—I have the honour to forward you the Fifth Annual Report of the Bellios Public School.

During the past school year (counting from September, 1894, to the end of July, 1895) the numbers, especially among English children, have increased, and the regularity of attendance since the cessation of the Plague has been most satisfactory. The average attendance of scholars under instruction in the English division was very materially affected by the Plague of last year, but since the last few months the number of scholars has been rapidly increasing. The average attendance of the whole school has been 270 for some months past.

In addition to the ordinary English subjects, Singing, Instrumental Music and Physical Drill are taught; and copy book writing. The girls in the upper forms show great aptitude in map-drawing; the maps drawn from memory being specially good. Needlework, both English and Chinese, is most creditable.

The younger children are most carefully trained by Mr. Trotter, who, by his painstaking and strict management, greatly facilitated their progress when removed to the upper standards.

A consignment of wall-maps and natural History Pictures, etc., procured from England last year, has proved of great assistance.

A school library in which the girls could procure books from some 100 volumes will supply a long list of books, as present in the majority of cases their study of English Literature is almost exclusively confined to lesson-books. We are also in great want of a School Piano, the present one having entirely collapsed, and the funds for school apparatus leave no margin for excess of any kind. As this study is much appreciated by parents and children as an elevating nature it is only right that provision should be made for the teaching thereof. The present system of hiring is far too expensive to be continued.

The Staff is unchanged with two exceptions. We have to deplore the loss of the Teacher of Chinese Embroidery, whose death last year from Plague caused great regret to both teachers and children.

Her gentle disposition and skill as a teacher had endeared her to all. We have, however, been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Tsang Lui-shi, a very capable teacher.

The second Chinese master, Mr. Leung King-him, having retired on pension, his place was filled by the appointment of an additional master.

The work of the School is greatly facilitated by the light and airy building in which it is now established, and the deepest gratitude is felt towards the liberal Founder.

The Inspector of Schools has just concluded his Annual Examination and expressed his satisfaction with the result.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient Servant.

(ed.) E. A. BATEMAN,
Headmaster.
The Hon. J. H. Stewart LOUGHREY,
Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency, after distributing the prizes, said:—Ladies and gentlemen, I need hardly tell you that the giving away of these prizes to the school children affords me a great deal of pleasure. This school, as you are aware, was opened about 16 or 18 months ago; it was erected by one to whom the cause of education in Hongkong owes a great deal—Mr. Bellios (applause), and it was erected on ground given by the Government. I recollect that when I signed away this piece of land there were considerable differences of opinion as to whether it was a wise step or not. It was pointed out that this was a very valuable site, too good a site for such a school. It is therefore the more gratifying to find that the ground has not been thrown away on the foundation of this school, which gives every promise of success, and in fact has up to the present time been a very great success indeed. (Applause). The school is divided into two parts, the upper school English and the lower entirely for Chinese children. From Dr. Eitel's report I am glad to see that the order and discipline maintained here and the cheerful aspect of the children show an affectionate connection between the pupils and their teachers. I have been in the other room just now, and I saw with surprise the excellent mapping and superior embroidery done by the children. A great deal, I am told, is due to the work presented by the Government and always available for the children's use. The reading, according to Dr. Eitel's report, is very fluent and accurate, and there has been special progress in elocution. I believe it is the practice for the girls to recite before the whole school once or twice a week, resulting in great improvement. History has been taught orally, instead of from books, and the results have been remarkably good. The arithmetic papers, Dr. Eitel says, on the whole have been very well and very neatly done; and he concludes his report with a high eulogy of the good spirit prevailing in the school, due mainly to the head mistress and her excellent assistants, of whom I am sorry to say there are too few. I need hardly say that the success of a school is due to its teachers, and the centre of the life of the school is its head mistress. The bringing-up of children in these days is increasing in difficulty every year, on account of the increasingly higher standards required, and the girls of this school I am glad to say recognise the fact that they can assist the teachers in that cheerful spirit which Dr. Eitel says animates this school throughout. In conclusion I will only say to the girls that I hope they will play earnestly in their play-hours, and work earnestly in their working hours. Make the most of the time; never let any

time slip through your fingers, time passes quickly enough, and the older we get the faster it passes. Remember the words of old Samuel Johnson. Duty and perseverance are as necessary to manhood as to womanhood.

Catch them, oh catch the transient hours
Improve each moment as it flies,
Which dies, Alas! How soon will die!

In conclusion, His Excellency wished the school every success.

An interesting programme of songs and recitations was then gone through by the pupils, who showed admirable proficiency.

LAST OF PRIZE-WINNERS.

The following is a list of the prize-winners:—

1st Class.—Reading, May Hunter, Book, Madge Hardwick; Dictation, Ethel Long, Book, "Floss Silverthorn"; Arithmetic, Lizzie Abraham, Silver Buckle; Grammar, Lizzie Olson, Bangle and Brooch; Geography, May Hunter, Pair Gold Earrings; Composition, Ethel Long, Silver Penholder; History, Lizzie Abraham, Book, "Her Own Choice"; Map Drawing, Kitty Turner, Silver Pin; Writing, Kitty Turner, Pencil Case; Needleswork, May Hunter, Workbox; Highest number of marks, Ethel Long, "Webster's Dictionary."

2nd Class.—Reading, Ida Armstrong, Sandalwood Box; Dictation, Hannah Olson, Writing Case; Arithmetic, Reuben Abraham, Writing Desk; Grammar, Reuben Abraham, Silver Pencil Case; Geography, Ethel Hahn, "Poetical Birthday Book"; Composition, Jessie Hahn, Silver Penholder; History, Eliza King, Writing Case; Needleswork, Annie Parker, "Morocco Bay"; Highest number of marks, Ethel Pinson, Bangle and Brooch.

3rd Class.—Reading, Edith Pinson, Book, "Dais Little Girl"; Dictation, Borah Hahn, Blotter; Writing, Annie Parker, Book, "Allyth's Inheritance"; Arithmetic, Ethel Turner, Pair of Silk Handkerchiefs; Grammar, Wong Poy Wing, Writing Case; Geography, Ethel King, Book, "Pomponia"; Composition, Jessie Hahn, Silver Penholder; History, Eliza King, Writing Case; Needleswork, Annie Parker, "Morocco Bay"; Highest number of marks, Ethel Pinson, Bangle and Brooch.

4th Class.—Reading, Julia Ruchwald, Book, "The Children's Friend"; Dictation, George Abraham, Book, "Bible Pictures and Stories"; Arithmetic, Andrew Hahn, Book, "Romance of Real Life"; Grammar, Louis King, Pair of Silk Handkerchiefs; Handwriting, Wong Poy Wing, Writing Case; Geography, Ethel King, Book, "Pomponia"; Composition, Jessie Hahn, Silver Penholder; History, Eliza King, Writing Case; Needleswork, Annie Parker, "Morocco Bay"; Highest number of marks, Ethel Pinson, Bangle and Brooch.

5th Class.—Reading, Ida Armstrong, Book, "Dais Little Girl"; Dictation, Borah Hahn, Blotter; Writing, Annie Parker, Book, "Allyth's Inheritance"; Arithmetic, Ethel Turner, Pair of Silk Handkerchiefs; Grammar, Wong Poy Wing, Writing Case; Geography, Ethel King, Book, "Pomponia"; Composition, Jessie Hahn, Silver Penholder; History, Eliza King, Writing Case; Needleswork, Annie Parker, "Morocco Bay"; Highest number of marks, Ethel Pinson, Bangle and Brooch.

6th Class.—Reading, Ah Chai, Book, "Aunt Louis' Book"; Writing, Hannah Toy, Book, "Bible Pictures and Books"; Arithmetic, Helene Inman, Book, "Our Little Dots"; Highest number of marks, Lily Hsia, Tea Set; Needleswork, Alice Leisire, Work Basket; Needleswork, Alice Leisire, Work Basket.

7th Class.—Reading, Henry Attork, Book, "Happy Times"; Writing, Cecilia Quincy, Book, "Our Play Time"; Arithmetic, John Duncan, Drawing Slates; Highest number of marks, Nellie Olson, Sandalwood Box; Needleswork, Alice Leisire, Work Basket.

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9th Class.—Reading, Henry Attork, Book, "Happy Times"; Writing, Cecilia Quincy, Book, "Our Play Time"; Arithmetic, John Duncan, Drawing Slates; Highest number of marks, Hugo Ruchwald, Book, "Sunny Days."

Infants.—1st, Emmanuel Wadding, Book, 2nd, Suat Kia, Book, "Pretty Pictures"; 3rd, Albert Ahwas, Book, "Glossy Times"; Recitation, Jessie Walker, Doll.

Chinese Embroidery.—Wong Poy Wing, Fan.

Music.—1st prize, May Hunter, Music Book; 2nd prize, Ida Armstrong, Music Case.

Drill.—Senior, Hilda Long, Brooch; Junior, Ethel King, Brooch.

Chinese Literature.—1st Class.—1st prize, Lau Yiu-sin, Silk Handkerchief; 2nd prize, Ho Shun-ku, 1st class Handkerchief.

2nd Class.—1st prize, Lau Yeo, 2nd prize, Wong Wai-sun, Fan.

3rd Class.—1st prize, Leung Mi-yung, 1st class Handkerchiefs; 2nd prize, Lau Sun-sam, Pair of Earrings.

4th Class.—1st prize, Li Tai-ko, Pair of Earrings.

5th Class.—1st prize, Leung Mi-Lan, 3 Handkerchiefs.

Chinese Needleswork.—1st prize, Chan Fook-tai, Silk Handkerchief; 2nd prize, Wang Wan-sin, Fan; 3rd prize, Ng Lai Hing, Pair of Earrings.

The prize was given to the following gentleman for prizes:—

Han, E. H. Bellios, Q.M.G.; Hon. O. P. Chester, Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Hon. C. M. Macdonald, Hon. E. E. Wedderburn, C. M. G.; Messrs. Armstrong, Anderson, Burrow, Cooke, Dawson, Ethel, J. D. Gurney, H. T. Tung, Ho Fook, Ho Yuen, T. Jackson, King, Li Shing, Lee Wan, J. Mody, Loon Pong, Quincy, R. Shawan, C. P. Smith, D. Sasse, A. K. Travers, A. Wiss, H. Wisking, Mrs. Hatherly, The piano for use on prize day was most kindly provided by Mr. Quincy.

W. Robinson and Co. make a special feature of Selling Pianos and Organs on the Easy-Payments system.

W. Wiggins (bedding dipper)—You look dry; here's a drink of water. Waynes Bush (waving the dipper away)—What's the use of spoiling a good thirst like I've got?

Sue—How fearful it must be for a great singer to know she has lost her voice! Ho—It's much more torturing when she doesn't know it.

Chair of Police.—The murder was committed on Sixth Avenue twenty-four hours ago. Now, what have you found out? Central Office. Sleath (tossing with the directory)—There is such a street.

Hinc is a new little girl's composition on woman. She says:—Boys are men that have not got as big as their papa, and girls are women that will be ladies by-and-bye. Man was made before woman. When God looked at Adam, He said to himself: 'Well I think I can do better if I try again.' And He made Eve. Boys are a trouble. They wear out everything but soap. If I had my way the world would be girls and the rest dolls. My papa is so nice that I think he must have been a little girl, when he was a little boy. Man was made, and on the seventh day he rested. Woman was then made, and she has never rested since.

PIANOFORTES tuned.—Singly or by yearly contract.—High class work—W. Robinson and Co.

THE ARSON CASE.

At the Magistracy, to-day, before Mr. H. E. Wedderburn, the five Chinese charged with being concerned in setting fire to the Kung Cheong shop, 371 Queen's Road, on the night of the 30th July, were brought up again on remand.

Mr. C. C. Males, who had surveyed the premises, described the building and the traces of fire and kerosene in various parts of it.

Wong Kan, employed in the shop, identified the five defendants as being inmates of the building, and as having all slept on the premises on the night of the fire. The first defendant, Tam Pang, was accountant of the Kung Cheong shop, and was in charge of the business during the master's absence. He also conducted the business of the Kung Shun Loong, a Singapore firm for which the Kung Cheong shop was agent. His place was at the inner counter by day, and at night he slept in the accountant's room. The second defendant, Chun Kwong, was assistant accountant, and worked at the outer counter. He also slept on it. The third defendant, Chung Wa, was a coolie in the Kung Cheong, and slept on the first floor verandah. The fourth, Chung Man, also a coolie, slept on the ground floor, and the fifth, Chung Cheung, (coolie) on the first floor inside. When witness first heard cries of fire he had been sleeping. He got up and found the house on fire, and all the inmates awake. He was on the first floor and the fire was below. He climbed over into the verandah of the next house to escape. He did not see any rope hung from the Kung Cheong verandah. He did not go down into the ground floor because it was on fire; the stairs were burning. He did not stop to put out the fire, as it was too strong; he wanted to get away. He did not go to the back of the shop, where the fire was. He did not know who gave the alarm. The master or managing partner of the shop, Chung Shiu, was away that night; could not say when he was last there. He was only in the shop about ten days in a month.

To him, employed in the Wai Sung Bank, 91 Bonham Strand, said that on the night of the 30th July the Kung Cheong account books were brought to his place for safe keeping, about one o'clock a.m.

He was in bed at the time. He was told the Kung Cheong shop was on fire. He did not examine the books. Afterwards the second defendant and a policeman came and took the books away.

Thomas Sexton, P. O. 33, said he was on duty on the 31st, on Queen's Road. About 12.30 a.m. he met District Watchman No. 50, who gave him a parcel made of paper saturated with kerosene oil and containing matches recently burnt. The two then went to the house, 371 Queen's Road. Witness saw charred timbers on the cookstove floor near the stair, and a basket full of shavings. He also saw a rope fastened to the verandah and hanging down. There was about a square foot of burnt floor at the head of the cookstove stairs. The basket of shavings was about eight feet to the left, on the cookstove floor. There was a very strong smell of kerosene in the lot, and some cloth on the stair also smelt of kerosene. There were splashes of kerosene on the four close to the burnt part. The cloth on the stair was what the watchman had used to beat out the fire.

Adjourned to Friday at 11.30.

THE INDIGNATION MEETING.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Aug. 5.

Sir.—By an express circulated on Saturday I induce a public meeting is called for to-morrow at 12 o'clock. To many this will be a most inconvenient time.

It cannot be a representative meeting of the Colony? I would suggest an evening meeting, after five; especially for those who cannot get to the early meeting.—Yours,

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

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